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REMARKS

An Office Action mailed November 10, 2003 presented a Restriction of the claims. Applicants hereby elect Group I with traverse. Applicants disagree with the statement in the Office Action on page 3 – "Because these invention are distinct for the reasons given above, and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II and VI, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper." Applicants submit that no reasons were presented why Group I was distinct from Groups II and III. Applicants also submit that because the Office Action indicates on page 2 that Groups I, II, and III are all classified in class 707, subclass 100, the searches for Group I would be the same as the search for Groups II and III. Therefore, Applicants request an election of Groups I, II, and III.

Respectfully submitted,

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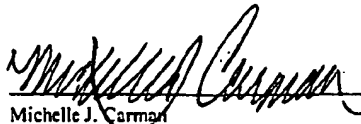
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